

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 24, 2002

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(406) 444-3490

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF REVOCATION OF AIR QUALITY
OPERATING PERMIT (AWM0501,129)**

1. On January 9, 2004, the Department of Environmental Quality will revoke the air quality operating permit for the Stimson Lumber Company Libby Operations. The company currently holds permit OP2627-01. The permittee's address is 875 U.S. Highway 2 South, Libby, Montana 59923.

2. On November 24, 2003, Stimson Lumber Company notified the Department of Environmental Quality of the request for revocation as a result of the permanent closure and demolition of the plywood plant and decommissioning of the Zurn Boiler and Babcock and Wilcox Diesel Boiler. These actions reduced the emissions of the Libby Operations below the major source permitting threshold.

3. The Department intends to revoke the operating permit as of January 9, 2004. Any member of the public with questions regarding the revocation may contact the department at the Department of Environmental Quality, Permitting and Compliance Division, Attn. Air Quality Permitting Supervisor, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, or contact Debbie Skibicki at (406) 444-1472 or at dsbibicki@state.mt.us.
